



# Parents' Weekly Newsletter

*'Thriving to achieve our best - together'*

02nd July 2021

## Message from Dr Craddock

Dear Parents and Carers,

We seem to be rapidly gathering pace towards the end of term and after this week we will have just three weeks left before the end of the summer term and our break for the holiday. As the end of term draws closer, there will be several important letters regarding end of term organisation and staffing.

There continues to be lots going on around school each and every day. The children are all working hard and there is some fantastic work in every year group. Particular highlights that I have seen were some incredible writing in English- there really are some talented authors in our school! Y6 are thoroughly enjoying their final journalistic writing piece about a hypothetical natural disaster, or an escaped animal, in the grounds of West Moors Middle School. In addition, in KS2 and KS3, children have been continuing with their singing rehearsals, with drama- both Mrs Stalley, our school's Governor, and I were incredibly impressed with a Year 5 performance on Wednesday! We are looking forward to our West Moors Middle's Got Talent event at the end of term.

We hope that you have a lovely weekend with your families.

Deborah Craddock.

"What do you want to be when you grow up?"



"Kind" said the boy

## Rights Respecting News

### Article of the Week



This week, we are focussing on Article 31 - rest, play, culture and arts. Every child has the right to relax, play and take part in a wide range of cultural and artistic activities.

During the assembly we looked at a definition of sport and asked the question, 'How does sport help us enjoy Article 31, the right to relax and play?'

The classes came up with a variety of reasons.

- In many countries there are unique 'traditional games' that are part of the local culture.
- Sport can mean different things in different places and to different people; in some countries, chess is considered to be a sport!
- Sport often features physical effort or skill.
- Sport is one of many ways we can relax and play.
- Many different sports mean there are options for everyone to get involved



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- A sport can be undertaken by one person, a pair or a bigger team of people.
- Lots of people like to watch sport as a way to relax.

This year, will be the 10th Soccer Aid and fans will be welcomed to the new host venue for 2021, Manchester City's Etihad Stadium on Saturday 4 September 2021



### Event Days in July

#### **World Population Day**

Date: 11 July

What is it: This event raises awareness of global population issues. The event was established by the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme in 1989.

Rights Link: Article 15: Freedom of association

#### **International Day of Friendship**

Date: 30 July

What is it: International Youth Day (IYD) was established by the United Nations in 2000 as a means of raising awareness of issues affecting young people around the world.



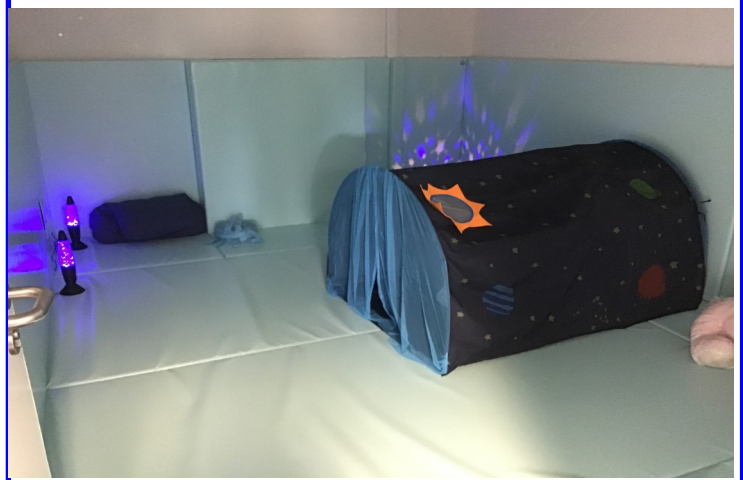
## Summer Reading Challenge 2021

# WILD WORLD HEROES

This year, the Reading Agency have teamed up with WWF for a very special nature-themed Challenge that will inspire you to stand up for the planet! Your local library will be delighted to welcome you to join the Summer Reading Challenge, so why not get ready to join the Wild World Heroes and discover how you can make a difference to the environment too.

For further information [contact your local library](#)

**In Chameleon HQ** our bespoke sensory room has been completed. The children in the class have told the adults "It's great, we get to relax at school!" The room has been set up to help the children to stay calm, regulated for learning and reduce anxiety by listening to music, low soft lighting, and comfy cushions and blankets.



Right Link: Article 31: Leisure, play and culture  
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## Fun in the Sun at Forest School

**Year 7** - The children were very democratic today deciding on playing a new game first and then some of the games they have enjoyed in the past so everyone could be part of something they wanted to do. The new game involved role play and lots of imagination!



**Year 6** – Such a busy and resilient afternoon! They sourced a small tree that could be harvested and used to create Forest School cookies! Lots of team work and new skills to attempt.



**Year 5** – On a nature hunt! Year five children went looking for hazelnuts growing on trees, having found one on the ground, and then discovered Ladybird Larvae! Finding the beauty in the world around us!





## Learning new skills in Year 5

Year 5 ready to take on the challenge of Dorset School Games and also with their finished felt bookmarks in DT.



## Year 8 on Sports Day

We were very excited to have so many winners in year 8 from sports day and even some records broken! As a year 8 tutor, I was extremely pleased for the children that will be leaving us, because despite the Covid 19 restrictions they were able to enjoy their final sports day here at WWMS. This was all thanks to Mr Connolly, Miss McCorkindale and the whole staff team, along with the fabulous year 8 sports leaders, helpers and other children around the school. Without fail, every single year 8 spent the day smiling, happy and enjoyed themselves. They were a joy to work with throughout the whole day.



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## TIME IN A BOTTLE WORKSHOP

A huge thanks to Paul Stevens who delivered a fabulous workshop, delivering alcohol education to Year 8s entitled 'Time in a Bottle'. Really important key messages to keep children safe delivered by a professional actor.



## HOME GROWN BY THE ECO CLUB

Here at West Moors Middle the children have a chance to eat produce grown on the premises. They have cucumber to taste and a spinach and cheese quiche cooked by the wonderful Mrs Mein.



HANDS



FACE



SPACE

## School Year: Term Dates & Holidays

### Summer Term 2021:

**Term ends on** Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2021

**Summer Holidays** Monday 26th July -  
Monday 6th September 2021

### Autumn Term 2021:

**September Inset Days** Thursday 2nd &  
Friday 3rd September 2021

**First day of Term** Monday 6th September

**October half term** Monday 25th - 29th  
October 2021



**Finally.....**For the latest news and updates and to see more photos of our children learning, please follow us on twitter at: [@westmoors](https://twitter.com/westmoors)



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